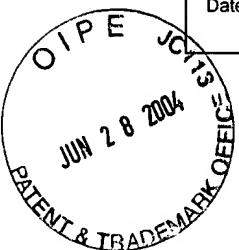


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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office Action mailed 18 February 2004, time for response to which is set to expire 18 May 2004. Attached hereto is a request for a two-month extension of time extending the response time to 18 July 2004, together with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, this response is timely. The examined claims, claims 19 and 24 were rejected entirely on 35 U.S.C. § 112 grounds. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.